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Brookhaven Police distribute school supplies

Brookhaven, GA, Aug. 7, 2013 – Brookhaven Police officers distributed school supplies to dozens of children in the Buford Highway area on Wednesday afternoon.

Officers drove through several neighborhoods along Buford Highway and distributed backpacks, notebooks, boxes of crayons, pencil, glue sticks and other school supplies to children in need. In some situations, children ran up to the back of the police cruisers to greet the officers.

Administration at Woodward Elementary School in Brookhaven identified the students and neighborhoods in need.

The items included backpacks donated by I Care Atlanta and Dunwoody Police, and additional school supplies donated by Brookhaven city staff. DeKalb County schools start class on Monday.

"We quickly ran out of school supplies because once children saw us in the neighborhood, they lined up at our patrol cars," said Lt. Juan Grullon, who organized the school supply drive. "It was great to see the reactions of these kids and build positive relationships with them at such an early age."

The 54-officer Brookhaven Police Department began patrols on July 31.

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